

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
Ad Hoc Committee on Competency**

Monday, May 11, 2009

Department of Health Professions

Richmond, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 10:14 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Malcolm Cothran, MD
Claudette Dalton, MD
Roderick Mathews, JD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Reynolds, DO

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Johnson, HDJN

ROLL CALL

EMERGENCY EGRESS INSTRUCTIONS

Dr. Dalton gave the Emergency Egress instructions.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2009

Mr. Mathews moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Cothran moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Dalton opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Dalton reported that Craig Hensle, MD, ophthalmologist from Woodbridge, and Madeline Stark, JD, with Rawls & McNelis, P.C., were to be added to the Ad Hoc Committee for future meetings. The Committee agreed that someone from the citizen/consumer union be invited to participate; Dr. Harp will follow-up with possible candidates.

Dr. Dalton will seek the report regarding the final outcome of the maintenance of licensure (MOL) issue that was presented to the House of Delegates at the Federation of State Medical Boards' Annual meeting.

Dr. Dalton informed the Committee that the Virginia Board of Medicine has an opportunity to participate in a federally-funded maintenance of licensure pilot project which would be beneficial to all stakeholders, including the public. She stated that this window of opportunity will only be available to a small number of states that are willing to step up and take on the MOL issue.

Agreeing that initial licensure should be the focus of the group, the Committee discussed the requirement for possible changes in the law, the ending of "general practice", evidence-based pros and cons to requiring a full residency, and the accompanying issues of access to services and impact on boards.

After lengthy discussion, Dr. Cothran moved to recommend to the Full Board that the requirement for initial licensure be completion of an ACGME/AOA approved residency in the specialty in which the applicant intends to practice, and also that the applicant be "board eligible" as a result of the completion of the residency. After continued discussion, the motion was seconded and carried. Included in the discussion was that implementation of this requirement should be at a future date, but that date was not specified.

Ms. Yeatts advised that in order for this recommendation to be submitted as a consideration in the Department's 2010 package, it would need to be presented to the Full Board on June 25, 2009.

Next meeting – TBA

Adjournment – With no other business to conduct, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Claudette Dalton, MD, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Colanthia M. Opher
Recording Secretary